

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

June 27, 2003

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan concerning the cooperation between the National Aeronautics and Space Administration of the United States of America and the Institute of Space and Astronautical Science on the Mars Exploration PLANET-B Program, which was effected by the Exchange of Notes dated June 29, 1998 (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement").

I have the further honor to propose on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, in accordance with the understanding reached recently between the representatives of the two Governments, that the Agreement shall be extended for a period of two years from June 29, 2003.

I have the further honor to propose that, if the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Japan, this

His Excellency

Ryozo Kato,

Ambassador of Japan.

DIPLOMATIC NOTE

Note and Your Excellency's Note in reply shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's reply.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration:

For the Secretary of State:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John F. Turner". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "John F. Turner".



EMBASSY OF JAPAN
WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 27, 2003

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Note of today's date, which reads as follows:

"I have the honor to refer to the agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan concerning the cooperation between the National Aeronautics and Space Administration of the United States of America and the Institute of Space and Astronautical Science on the Mars Exploration PLANET-B Program, which was effected by the Exchange of Notes dated June 29, 1998 (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement").

I have the further honor to propose on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, in accordance with the understanding reached recently between the representatives of the two Governments, that the Agreement shall be extended for a period of two years from June 29, 2003.

I have the further honor to propose that, if the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Japan, this Note and Your Excellency's Note in reply shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's reply."

I have the further honor to confirm on behalf of the Government of Japan that the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Japan and to agree that Your Excellency's Note and this Note in reply shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date of this reply.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary of Japan

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'K. Kato', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

His Excellency
Colin L. Powell
The Secretary of State